Urban Forestry Grant Workshop at DDA on Feb. 13



Delaware communities can learn how to successfully apply for a 2018 urban forestry grant at an upcoming workshop at the Delaware Department of Agriculture on February 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.

DOVER — The Delaware Forest Service is holding an "Urban and Community Forestry Grant Workshop" on Tuesday, February 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the <u>Delaware Department of Agriculture</u>, 2320 South DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901, (302) 698-4578. The event is free and open to the public, however, advance registration is required.

Attendees can sign up at this link: Urban and Community

Forestry Grant Workshop Registration

Registration Contact: Sam Seo, Delaware Center for Horticulture, 658-6262, extension 112.

Urban forestry director Kesha Braunskill and <u>The Delaware Center for Horticulture's</u> Sam Seo will discuss the 2018 urban and community grant program. All municipalities, homeowner associations, and certified 501 (c)(3) non-profit organizations can apply. Up to \$40,000 in grants for tree planting, tree care, and tree management projects on publicly owned lands is available. Grants range from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$5,000 in one of two project categories: tree planting or tree management. All applications require a 50-50 cost-share match in either cash or in-kind services such as volunteer hours.

Applications are limited to **one project** in **one project category** and will be judged on a competitive basis by a grant committee of the Delaware Community Forestry Council. All projects must be performed on public lands within the community. Priority is given to first time applicants, <u>Tree Friendly Communities</u>, and cities or towns that have passed an Urban Tree Canopy Goal Resolution.

The grant workshop will discuss the 2018 urban grant guidelines and requirements, and include a question and answer session. Q and A can include: how to work with arborists and tree care contractors, and how to prepare a successful application.

For more information about the urban grant program, contact: Kesha Braunskill, Delaware Forest Service (DFS) Urban Forestry Administrator

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